

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: K. KURODA et al.

Serial No.: (new divisional application under 37 CFR §1.53[b] of U.S.
Application Serial No. 09/985,309)

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For: A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND A METHOD OF
MANUFACTURING THE SAME AND DESIGNING THE
SAME

Group: 2814

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CLAIM FOR FOREIGN PRIORITY

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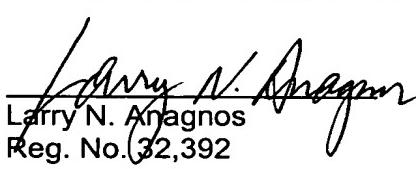
Sir:

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 CFR §1.55, applicants hereby claim
the right of priority based on the following foreign application filed in Japan:

Application No. 2000-353045, filed November 20, 2000.

A certified copy of this foreign application was filed on November 2, 2001
in prior, parent U. S. Application Serial No. 09/985,309.

Respectfully submitted,
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